Drawings

Please accept the accompanying two sheets of substitute formal drawings which contain the corrections approved in the Office Action.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claims 4 and 5 without prejudice.

Please AMEND claim 23 to read as follows:

23. (Amended)

A method of forming a fuel container with an opening and a cap sealing the opening, comprising the steps of:

providing a pair of mold halves defining a first mold cavity to form and define the shape of a container and adjacent the first cavity a second cavity to form at least one cap in a flash section;

providing a parison with a hydrocarbon fuel vapor barrier layer of a polymeric material disposed between inner and outer layers of a different polymeric material which is heat weldable;

closing the mold halves together to receive and compress a portion of the parison between them forming at least one flash section in the region of the second cavity and at least one cap in the flash section;

providing a pressurizing fluid into the parison within the closed mold halves to expand the parison within the first mold cavity to form the entire container and define the shape of the container;

after blow molding forming an opening through the container at a location spaced from the cap;

separating the cap from the flash section;

disposing the cap over the opening; and

heat welding the cap to the container circumferentially continuously to permanently attach and seal the cap to the container to permanently close, seal and provide a fuel vapor barrier for the opening.

Please CANCEL claim 24 without prejudice.

Please AMEND claim 26 to read as follows:

26. (Amended)

The method of claim 23 which also comprises heat welding at least one of the inner layer and the outer layer of the cap to the outer layer of the container to permanently attach and seal the cap to the container.

Please CANCEL claim 27 without prejudice.

Please AMEND claim 28 as follows:

28. (Amended)

The method of claim 23 which further comprises simultaneously extruding the fuel vapor layer and the inner and outer layers into the parison which is received in a generally molten state between the open mold halves in a blow molding machine to form the container and cap.